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voted by an impartial body as being the most open Legislative body in this country, if you want that to continue then do not support the Carsten change. If you do want a change and not go on record as being the most open, if you want to circumvent the public, then Senator Carsten has allowed you the door to do that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion....Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: We're on the amendment now, Mr. Chairman, and I hesitate to take more time at this late time of the last day, but I think this is important in this rule change. Now we've been talking about the number of bills introduced by committees, and we seem to think by limiting the number we introduce we limit the number that are passed. Now it's one thing to introduce a bill, but it's another thing to pass a bill, and if we think we're going to avoid responsibility by limiting the number of bills that are introduced, I think that's entirely wrong. For example, as was mentioned earlier today, if we want more bills introduced we will simply tack on amendments on those that are already introduced. I don't think that we're going to limit the number of bills that we pass by limiting the number that we introduce. The second objection I have to this is as has been stated before, you have some committees that are active, just as you have some people that are active, and you have some committees that do not act on nearly so many bills. The reason I am opposed to limiting the number of bills per committee is that this committee has studied the bill. It should go to that committee when it comes in, when it is introduced, and that is the committee that will have that bill theoretically, at least, to work on. So I don't think we should be limiting the number that the committees should introduce because several committees will want to introduce many more than ten. For some committees ten is way too many, and if we're going to limit committees then I think we should limit them by number, or limit them in categories, rather than just saying all committees are limited to ten bills. That does not seem right or fair and I oppose it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten, do you wish to be recognized on the motion to adopt your rule change as amended?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have not spoken on any of these amendments. I voted red and green on my board as I saw fit. I'm not